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27th August, 1916.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Honorary Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Ross, College House, Saidapet.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Chetput.

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Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 5 P. M. from January to April and August to December.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—There were forty communicants at Holy Communion on August 13th. The next Celebration will be held at evening service on Sunday, October 1st.

Dorcas Society.—The half-yearly meeting of the Dorcas Society was held in the School Room on Thursday, July 27th, when the usual distribution of clothes to the poor of the congregation and to the pupils in the Free School took place. There was a fair attendance of those interested in the work of the Society. Before the distribution the children gave a programme of songs and drill and recitations which were all admirably rendered and were highly appreciated. Mrs. Bennet

and her staff had only a few days in which to prepare anything and that they achieved so much reflects the greatest credit upon both teachers and children. The clothes were given away by that most staunch and helpful friend of the poor and of the school, Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, to whom, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the school children, Blanchie Weston presented a beautiful boquet. The meeting closed with very hearty cheers for all who had taken part and above all for the Honorary Secretary of the Society, Mrs. Atkinson, whose work in this matter is beyond all praise.

The Chaplaincy.—I have just received word in a letter from the Rev. D. H. Gillan, Senior Chaplain, that he expects to arrive in Madras about the end of October to take over the duties of Chaplaincy here. Mr. Gillan comes with a great reputation from Bengal where he has spent most of his service and the future of St. Andrew's Church is full of promise.

Sunday School.—Sunday School re-opened on the first Sunday of August. The attendance was not so good as it has sometimes been on opening Sundays, but by this time the attendance is well up to the average. Mr. H. P. Ashworth has once again come forward to carry out the onerous duties of Superintendent with his usual energy and enthusiasm and we are fortunate enough to begin not only with a full but a very efficient staff. We welcome back the former teachers, Mrs. Boys, whom we are glad to see recovering from her illness, the Misses Falconer, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Meldrum and Mr. V. Conran. The new-comers, Miss Gordon, whom we are glad to see back from England in her responsible position at the Saidapet Teachers' College, and Miss Carr, who feels that her services in the Choir are not all she can render to St. Andrew's, are both trained teachers and are a great acquisition.

War Anniversary Service.—There was a very large attendance in St. Andrew's at the War Anniversary Service held on the evening of August 4th. The Service was conducted by the Chaplain assisted by the Rev. Dr. Skinner, Principal of the Madras Christian College, who read the Lessons from the Old and the New Testaments. The main part of the service consisted of the Intercessory prayers—the Chaplain suggesting class after class of those for whom we need pray, allowing a pause for silent prayer and then summing up the prayers of all in short collects. The sermon was devoted to the subject of "Why and for Whom should We Pray?" being based upon the thought suggested by the story of Moses' Intercession when Israel fought Amalek (Exodus xvii: 8—16). It was a great help to the service that the Choir attended in full numbers and led the singings with their customary skill and tastefulness. The Offering for the day went to the Women's Guild Soldiers' Comforts Fund.

A Patriotic Family.—I append an extract from one of the Local papers.—

"The Anglo-Indian community will be proud to learn that, irrespective of those who are already fighting for their King and country at the Front, a whole family of Anglo-Indians are bent on following suit. The other day, Bombardier R. Henricus and his son, together with others of the Madras Artillery Volunteers, were sworn in before the Chief Presidency Magistrate to proceed to the Front. Bombardier Henricus wears two medals, one for Burma and another a Good Conduct medal in recognition of his services with the Madras Artillery Volunteers. Three of his brothers volunteered to proceed on active service, and, after having been in the fighting line, one of them was invalided. He has, however, recovered his health, and is proceeding with his brother, the Bombardier, and his son, to the Front."

Bombardier Henricus and his son Bertie Henricus have all along from the beginning of the war been anxious to go on active service. They are both members of St. Andrew's, the son having left the school only a year or so back and needless to say all our good wishes go with them."

Singing Class.—A Singing Class has been started and meets on Wednesdays in the School at 6 o'clock under the tuition of Miss Iles. The aim of the class is to train singers for possible vacancies in the Choir and to help any member of the Choir who cares to take advantage of it. Great stress will be laid upon Sight Reading and Voice Production, two very essential factors. There are still vacancies in the Class for one or two more voices.

Girl Guides.—The Girl Guides are very busy under the guidance of Miss Philips who is much to be thanked for the time and trouble she is spending over the St. Andrew's Patrol. It was pleasing to see them all at the War Anniversary Service.

Mothers' Meeting.—As it has been obvious for some time that there is room in St. Andrew's for a meeting similar to the Mothers' Meeting so familiar in Church Work at Home, Mrs. Meldrum has started such a meeting. It is held in the School on Mondays at 5-15 and lasts for about an hour. The attendances have been very encouraging so far, and the meeting looks likely to develop.

Free School.—It is interesting to note that the school children are doing their share of war work, all who can, being busily engaged in making handkerchiefs for the soldiers, and turning out exceedingly good work. Both boys and girls sew well, Miss Kenny, the Needle-work Inspectress, showing herself very well satisfied on her recent visit to the School.

Thanks to the kindness of Miss Dunhill and two other anonymous donors, the children of the school were taken to the Circus in the afternoon of August 16th and were highly delighted with their outing. Mr. Boys was responsible for the arrangements and there is no need to say that everything went through without a hitch.

For gifts of clothes, fruit and biscuits, we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Bennet, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Stephenson, Miss Staggs and Mr. Boys. We are indebted also to the Rev. James Gillan for the admirable series of Bible Pictures issued by Messrs. Nelson & Co.

Presbyterians at St. Thomas' Mount.—With the arrival of the 88th Carnatic Infantry at the Mount, there comes to Madras one of the companies newly recruited from Indian Christians in the Punjab. The members of this company represent many denominations and amongst the rest the Presbyterians are represented by 87 men. As their language is Punjabi there is some difficulty in arranging for their Parade Services and their other religious ministrations. Fortunately one of the Jemadars, Jemadar Shabas Khan, himself the son of a minister and a man of very fine character, has been appointed to take Parade Services and in the meantime the Chaplain of St. Andrew's will do what he can to help. Perhaps later on St. Andrew's may be able to do something for these men who to all intents and purposes are in a foreign land.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916			RS.	A.	P.
July 2nd,	Ordinary	...	70	4	8
„ 9th	„	...	33	13	10
„ 16th	„	...	41	11	3
„ 23rd	„	...	37	12	3
„ 30th	„	...	32	7	0
	Total	...	216	1	0

Women's Guild

Meetings.—The Guild has resumed its meetings after the three months break. At the first meeting on August 4th there was a good attendance including several new members, and it was decided for the present to keep on working for the soldiers. The Madras Club Ladies' Committee have kindly lent their Bandage Rolling Machine for the use of the Guild.

Presentation.—At the first meeting of the Guild Mrs. Turner presented to Mrs. Meldrum the Diploma of Guild Leader recently conferred upon her by the Life and Work Committee of the Church of Scotland.

Soldiers' Entertainment.—A very successful entertainment was given to the men of the 2/5 Hampshire Regiment from Fort St. George, on Tuesday afternoon, August 8th. As the men were under orders to leave Madras at any moment, the Guild had little time to make arrangements but the celerity with which everything was planned and carried through seemed to add to the success. Gifts of money, of cakes, of cigars and cigarettes, of mineral waters and all kinds of refreshments poured in, in abundance. About a hundred men sat down to the daintily decorated tables, and were served and entertained by the ladies of the Guild who were present in great numbers and who all worked strenuously to make the meeting a success. After tea the 'Mosquito' Variety Troupe, under the guidance of Mr. F. L. Coles, submitted a very bright if unconventional programme which was highly appreciated. This is not the first time the Guild has been indebted to Mr. Coles for his help. During the evening Capt. Kay on behalf of the men returned thanks to the ladies and the meeting closed with ringing cheers of thanks. The guests left with an abundant supply of refreshments for those of their comrades who being on guard could not

attend. I am afraid it is invidious to single out any names for special mention where all worked so hard but a very special tribute is due to those who came early in the mornings and stayed late at night to put everything in order. I have also to thank all the donors of gifts, some of which were exceedingly handsome, one being twenty dozen of mineral waters.

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Marriage

"Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

July 26th, 1916—William Duncan MacDonald to Gladys Margaret Mannas.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for July, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Compound account (special) ...	29	10	0
„ Seat Rents	158	0	0	„ Church Choir for June, 1916 ...	48	10	4
„ Church Collections	216	1	0	„ „ Estabt. do. ...	186	8	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co. current for June...	10	4	0
„ Organ practice, etc.	13	0	0	„ Insurance premium	56	4	0
				„ Choir mats, balance account ...	12	0	0
				„ Peons' Umbrellas	4	8	0
				„ M. P. H. Printing bill No. 1478...	11	12	0
Balance Debit this Account ...	847	5	11	„ Siemens Bros. account ...	36	4	0
				„ Misquith's account	882	0	0
				„ Rates, Taxes, etc.	66	9	7
				„ Miscellaneous	9	1	0
Total Rs ...	1,353	6	11	Total Rs ...	1,353	6	11

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for July, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	15	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	66	2	0
„ Kirk Session Fund account ...	248	15	7	„ Piano cooly hire	2	8	0
				„ Miscellaneous account ...	10	5	7
Total Rs ...	273	15	7	Total Rs ...	273	15	7

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Honorary Auditor.

NEIL MELDRUM,
Chaplain.

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